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In re the application of:

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FOR: COPOLYMER BASED ON NON-CONJUGATED CYCLIC POLYENE, RUBBER

COMPOSITION AND USE THEREOF

Date: March 22, 2001

The Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 5, 6 AND 11-16 in their entirety and without prejudice.

Please enter the following new claims:

-17. (New) The random copolymer as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the non-conjugated cyclic polyene (A2) is that

represented by the formula (1-1) given below:

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